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PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 2003P07420WOUS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Title METHOD FOR RELAYING IP PACKETS TO AN EXTERNAL CONTROL COMPONENT OF A NETWORK NODE

Commissioner For Patents

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Sir.

DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN WINKLER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

1. I, Christian Winkler, a citizen of Germany, hereby declare and state as follows:
2. I am an inventor of the above-identified patent application.
3. I have been continuously employed by Siemens since 1997. I currently work in Munich.
4. On October 15, 2002, prior to the critical date of April 9, 2003, an embodiment of the invention disclosed and claimed in above-identified patent application was written in an

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Invention Disclosure. A copy of the Invention Disclosure is attached as Exhibits A1 and A2 both in the German language (Exhibit A1) and translated into English (Exhibit A2).

5. In accordance with standard Siemens business practice, the Invention Disclosure was sent to Siemens management (Prof. C. Hoogendoorn) for evaluation on October 22, 2002.

6. In accordance with standard Siemens business practice, the Invention Disclosure was sent to the Corporate Technology Intellectual Property Department for processing. The invention disclosure was received by the Corporate Technology Intellectual Property Department on October 24, 2002. Receipt was acknowledged by the Corporate Technology Intellectual Property Department with a letter addressed to the inventors dated October 30, 2002. A copy of the letter both in the German and English language is attached as Exhibit B.

7. In accordance with standard Siemens business practice, the Corporate Technology Intellectual Property Department then sent the Invention Disclosure to the appropriate Patent Committee for further review and evaluation.

8. The Patent Committee decided on December 18, 2002, to file a patent application based on the Invention Disclosure. A copy of the Decision form is attached as Exhibit C both in the German language (Exhibit C1) and translated into English (Exhibit C2).

9. The Invention Disclosure was returned back to the Corporate Technology Patent Department to prepare the application.

10. In accordance with standard Siemens business practice, a Siemens patent counsel prepared an initial draft of the patent application. Upon completion of the initial draft, it was reviewed by all of the inventors and revised. This iterative process was continued until the patent counsel and inventors were satisfied with the patent application.

11. After the necessary final edits were made, the patent application was filed on May 30, 2003, as a German Patent Application in Germany.

12. In accordance with standard Siemens business practice, the invention was maintained as Siemens confidential information and not publicly available at all times.

13. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and all statements made of information and belief are believed true. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like

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are punishable by fine, imprisonment or both, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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